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# Excerpts from "The Odyssey"

## *Odysseus and the Cyclops Text Chart*

TEXT	WHAT THE AUTHOR IS SAYING	WHAT THE AUTHOR IS DOING
"So you ask me the name I'm known by, Cyclops? I will tell you... 'Nobody' – that's my name. Nobody— so my mother and father call me, and all my friends."		
...I thrust our stake in a bed of embers to get it red-hot and rallied my comrades: "Courage—no panic, no one hang back now!"		
...I dragged it from the flames, my men clustering round as some God breathed enormous courage through us all.		

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Hoisting high that olive stake with its stabbing point, straight into the monster's eye they bore it hard—		
...he bellowed out for help from his neighbor cyclopes... Hearing his cries, they lumbered up from every side and hulking round his cavern, asked what ailed him.		
"Nobody, friends"—Polyphemus bellowed back from his cave— "Nobody's killing me now by fraud and not by force!"		
...They lumbered off, but laughter filled my heart to think how nobody's name—my great cunning stroke— had duped them all.		